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*COTTON QUALITY REPORT OF GINNINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 17, 1948
SOUTHEASTERN AREA

GEORGIA										ALABAMA									
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G.M. AND ABOVE.....	.6	*	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.1	*	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
S.M.....	7.7	1.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	12.9	3.8	5.1	5.1	5.1	2.6	19.8	5.9	5.9	5.9
M.....	42.7	34.8	43.8	43.8	43.8	31.0	47.0	35.6	35.6	67.0	50.3	67.9	67.9	67.9	33.4	59.8	55.8	55.8	55.8
S.L.M.....	32.3	40.9	38.6	38.6	38.6	27.4	39.0	39.0	39.0	9.1	37.8	23.6	23.6	23.6	50.4	8.7	30.9	30.9	30.9
L.M.....	7.0	6.9	2.4	11.8	11.8	3.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	.3	3.2	.4	.4	.4	9.7	.5	3.7	3.7	3.7
S.G.O.....	.2	.3	.1	.7	.6	.1	.4	.4	.4	*	.3	*	*	*	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
G.O.....	.1	*	*	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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G.M.....	.2	*	*	*	.1	.3	*	*	*	.5	.1	.2	.2	.2	*	.6	.2	.2	.2
S.M.....	5.7	8.5	8.3	2.9	1.5	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	8.2	3.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	.6	7.5	1.9	1.9	1.9
M.....	3.2	6.0	4.4	4.0	1.7	1.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.6	.6	.4	.7	.7	1.1	2.3	.7	.7	.7
S.L.M.....	.2	.3	.2	.7	.1	.1	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	*	.1	.1	.3	.3	.1	.1	.1
L.M.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TG. & Y.S.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GRAY.....	*	.6	.3	.2	.2	*	.2	.2	.2	*	.6	.1	.4	.5	*	*	.3	.3	.3
BELOW GRADE 1/.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ALL GRADES.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
13/16 AND SHORTER.....	.1	*	*	*	.1	.1	*	*	*	.2	.2	.1	*	*	*	.3	.1	.1	.1
7/8.....	.3	.1	.1	.1	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.8	1.1	1.0	.2	.2	.2	1.0	.5	.5	.5
29/32.....	.5	.1	*	.2	.5	.5	.2	.2	.2	.8	1.3	.0	.2	.2	.2	.9	.5	.5	.5
15/16.....	2.5	2.4	.7	4.0	4.6	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	4.7	6.5	4.8	1.1	1.9	5.4	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
31/32.....	10.7	6.1	1.3	10.3	14.9	9.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	15.6	15.6	10.1	3.1	6.1	16.3	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
1".....	34.8	123.5	29.5	40.4	42.6	37.0	32.1	32.1	32.1	47.5	36.9	26.6	13.0	29.7	44.9	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
1-1/32.....	38.3	49.2	52.7	37.5	31.6	37.4	42.5	42.5	42.5	27.1	31.9	39.8	53.3	45.4	26.7	45.8	45.8	45.8	45.8
1-1/16.....	10.9	16.3	23.3	7.2	5.2	11.1	13.9	13.9	13.9	3.2	6.3	15.3	22.0	15.7	4.3	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8
1-3/32.....	1.6	.6	.3	.2	.2	1.3	.7	.7	.7	.1	.2	1.2	1.0	.7	.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
1-1/8.....	.2	.1	*	*	.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	.1	.1	.1	*	.1	.1	.1	.1
1-5/32.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1-3/16 & LONGER.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ALL LENGTHS.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
GRADE INDEX 2/.....	95.9	95.9	96.3	94.8	96.7	98.2	96.4	96.4	96.4	99.7	97.2	98.6	97.7	95.1	99.9	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6
ROUGH PREPARATION 3/.....	3.6	5.5	9.1	11.5	7.0	5.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	3.7	5.3	4.7	10.5	24.8	5.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7
AVE. LENGTH (32ND. IN.).....	32.5	32.7	33.0	32.3	32.2	32.5	32.6	32.6	32.6	32.0	32.1	32.5	32.9	32.7	32.0	32.7	32.7	32.7	32.7
TEND. ON FUTURES.....	93.0	87.9	86.5	83.4	90.7	92.6	87.0	87.0	87.0	94.7	93.2	94.8	88.7	72.9	92.4	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3

1/ SAMPLES LOWER IN GRADE THAN THE LOWEST GRADES OF THE OFFICIAL STANDARDS.
2/ MIDDLING WHITE EQUALS 100.
3/ SAMPLES REDUCED ONE OR MORE GRADES BECAUSE OF ROUGH PREPARATION.
* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT.

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GRADE AND LENGTH	FLORIDA		VIRGINIA	
	OCT. 1-17		SEASON THROUGH OCTOBER 17	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
	PCT.	PCT.	PCT.	PCT.
WHITE:				
G.M. AND ABOVE	Insufficient Number of	Insufficient Number of	-	-
S.M.			.7	1.0
M.			36.3	20.4
S.L.M.			53.2	68.7
L.M.			4.6	7.5
S.G.O.			-	1.8
G.O.			-	.6
SPOTTED:				
G.M.	Insufficient Number of	Insufficient Number of	-	-
S.M.			1.3	-
M.			1.6	-
S.L.M.			2.3	-
L.M.			-	-
TG. & Y.S.			-	-
GRAY.			-	-
BELOW GRADE 1/	-	-	-	-
ALL GRADES			100.0	100.0
13/16 AND SHORTER	Samples to Report	Samples to Report	-	-
7/8			-	-
29/32			-	-
15/16			-	.1
31/32			1.0	.1
1"			5.3	1.6
1-1/32			45.2	16.6
1-1/16			40.7	59.6
1-3/32			6.2	20.2
1-1/8			1.3	1.8
1-5/32			.3	-
1-3/16			-	-
1-7/32			-	-
1-1/4 AND LONGER			-	-
ALL LENGTHS			100.0	100.0
GRADE INDEX 2/			35.6	94.2
ROUGH PREPARATION 3/			47.3	25.8
AVE. LENGTH (32ND. IN.)			33.5	34.0
TENDERABLE ON FUTURES			51.7	73.9

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2/ MIDDLING WHITE EQUALS 100. 3/ SAMPLES REDUCED ONE OR MORE GRADES BECAUSE
OF ROUGH PREPARATION. *LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

SOUTHEASTERN AREA COTTON QUALITY REPORT FOR GINNINGS
THROUGH OCTOBER 17, 1948

SCATTERED SHOWERS FELL AT INTERVALS OVER MOST OF THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER. THERE WERE NO GENERAL RAINS, HOWEVER, TO HAMPER HARVESTING OPERATIONS FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS IN ANY LOCALITY AND HARVESTING AND GINNING MADE GOOD PROGRESS. WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE MOSTLY FAVORABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOP CROP. WHILE THE SUPPLY OF LABOR FOR HARVESTING WAS SHORT FOR TEMPORARY PERIODS IN SOME LOCALITIES NO ACUTE LABOR SHORTAGES WERE REPORTED.

GRADE: THE AVERAGE GRADE OF COTTON GINNED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THAT GINNED EARLIER IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA BUT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER IN THE CAROLINAS. WHEN COMPARED TO THE SAME DATE A YEAR AGO TOTAL GINNINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 17 THIS SEASON AVERAGE LOWER IN GRADE IN ALL SOUTHEASTERN STATES EXCEPT IN NORTH CAROLINA WHERE THE AVERAGE GRADE WAS FRACTIONALLY HIGHER. GINNINGS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO SHOW RELATIVELY SMALL PERCENTAGES OF LOW GRADE COTTON, LOW MIDDLING WHITE AND LOWER, IN ALL STATES. THE PERCENTAGES OF THESE GRADES RANGED FROM 4 PERCENT IN ALABAMA TO 11 PERCENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA. THE PERCENTAGES OF THE PREMIUM GRADES, STRICT MIDDLING WHITE AND HIGHER, THROUGH OCTOBER 17 COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO WERE SLIGHTLY HIGHER IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA, SLIGHTLY SMALLER IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND MUCH SMALLER IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.

PREPARATION: COTTON REDUCED IN GRADE ON ACCOUNT OF ROUGH PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON THROUGH OCTOBER 17 AMOUNTED TO 11 PERCENT IN ALABAMA, 9 PERCENT IN GEORGIA, 6 PERCENT IN NORTH CAROLINA, 8 PERCENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND 26 PERCENT IN VIRGINIA. THESE PERCENTAGES ARE SMALLER THAN THOSE REPORTED FOR EARLIER PERIODS THIS SEASON IN ALL SOUTHEASTERN STATES EXCEPT FOR NORTH CAROLINA WHERE THE PERCENTAGE WAS ABOUT THE SAME.

STAPLE LENGTH: THE STAPLE LENGTH OF COTTON GINNED THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER COMPARED TO THE SAME DATE A YEAR AGO AVERAGED A LITTLE LONGER IN GEORGIA, NORTH CAROLINA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT WAS CONSIDERABLY LONGER IN ALABAMA AND VIRGINIA. THE PERCENTAGE OF COTTON SHORTER THAN 1 INCH IN STAPLE WAS NEGLIGIBLE IN GINNINGS IN THE CAROLINAS AND VIRGINIA AND ONLY SMALL PERCENTAGES, ABOUT ELEVEN PERCENT, OF THESE LENGTHS WERE SHOWN IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA. THE LONGER LENGTHS, 1-1/16 INCHES AND LONGER, ACCOUNTED FOR LARGER PROPORTIONS OF GINNINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 17 IN ALL STATES THAN FOR THE CORRESPONDING DATE A YEAR AGO. THE PERCENTAGES FOR THESE STAPLE LENGTHS WERE: VIRGINIA 82 PERCENT IN 1948 AND 48 PERCENT IN 1947, NORTH CAROLINA 50 AND 43, SOUTH CAROLINA 36 AND 27, ALABAMA 19 AND 5, AND GEORGIA 15 AND 13.

GINNINGS: COTTON GINNED THROUGH OCTOBER 17 IN THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES TOTALLED 2,144,294 BALES, OR ABOUT 33 PERCENT MORE THAN THE 1,612,681 BALES GINNED TO THE SAME DATE IN 1947. ALL STATES SHOWED AN INCREASE IN TOTAL BALES GINNED THROUGH OCTOBER 17 COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO. TOTAL GINNINGS BY STATES FOR THE TWO PERIODS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

STATE	GINNINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 17	
	1947*	1948*
ALABAMA	780,563	650,728
FLORIDA	7,510	5,916
GEORGIA	479,392	432,245
NORTH CAROLINA	316,235	124,412
SOUTH CAROLINA	556,400	396,334
VIRGINIA	4,194	3,046
TOTAL SOUTHEASTERN STATES:	2,144,294	1,612,681

* AS REPORTED BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS IN RUNNING BALES.